Town of Union Newsletter

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTION **DATES & TIMES**

Sharon Franklin, Town of Union Treasurer, will collect taxes at the Bank of Evansville, 12 J. Lindemann Dr., Evansville on the following dates/ times:

Saturday, December 15, 2012 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Saturday, December 29, 2012 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Saturday, January 26, 2013 8:00 am—12:00 pm

If making payment on only the first half of your property tax bill, make the check payable to "Town of Union". The second half of your property tax bill is paid directly to "Rock County".

IF YOU NEED TO PAY IN PERSON ON A DIFFERENT DATE:

Make an appointment with Sharon Franklin by calling 608-882-4063.

TAX PAYMENTS **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2013**

PAYMENT BY MAIL

You may mail your payment to the Town of Union Treasurer. Include a self addressed stamped envelope if requesting a receipt. Please include a contact phone number to avoid processing delays in case of questions or problems with your payment. Post dated checks will be held until the check date.

> Make checks payable to "Town of Union" and send to:

Town of Union c/o Sharon Franklin, Treasurer 13847 W. State Rd. 59 Evansville, WI 53536

PROPERTY TAX ESCROW ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Upon request from your mortgage company, the Town Treasurer will mail a copy of your real estate tax bill to them for payment from an escrow or similar account.

AN NSF FEE OF \$30 WILL BE **CHARGED FOR ANY** RETURNED CHECKS

TOWN OF UNION REPRESENTATIVES

CHAIRMAN		CONSTABLE	
KENDALL SCHNEIDER	882-4288	ERIC LARSEN	882-5323
SUPERVISORS		BUILDING INSPECTOR	₹
GEORGE FRANKLIN	882-4063	BOB FAHEY	882-6267
KIM GRUEBLING	575-0197	PLAN COMMISSION CHAIR	
CLERK		ALVIN FRANCIS	882-5797
REGINA YLVISAKER	882-0285	ASSESSOR	
TREASURER		ACCURATE APPRAISAL	1-800-770-3927
SHARON FRANKLIN	882-4063		

SNOWPLOWING

The Town of Union contracts with Footville Trucking for plowing the Town's roads, and employs a part-time road patrolman to plow the Town's subdivisions.

THE TOWN IS NOT RESPONSI-**BLE FOR PLOWING COUNTY** AND STATE ROADS (HWY. 14; CTY. RD. C & M; STH. 59, 104, 213)

It is the goal of the Town to provide the best possible winter maintenance service within the budgetary limits approved by the Town's electors at it's annual budget meeting.

The Town's winter maintenance policy states that the priority and level of service for each Town road is based on "average daily traffic (ADT) volumes, number of homes/residents served and farms with daily hauling needs." Maintaining the safety of Town employees, contractors, and residents is vital, and as such the policy states "at any time when visibility declines to a point that it is hazardous to the driving public or snowplow operators to be on the roads, snowplowing or ice control operations may be suspended."

Call Supv. George Franklin at 882-4063 with winter road maintenance concerns.

LOTTERY CREDITS

If you believe you are eligible for the Lottery Credit and it does not appear on your real estate tax bill this year, contact Sharon Franklin, Treasurer, for a Lottery Credit Claim Form before mailing your tax payment, or when you make your payment in person.

Homeowners in Wisconsin who used the home as their primary residence as of January 1, 2012 qualify for the Lottery Credit. Only one primary residence may be claimed by an individual. Renters do not qualify for the Lottery Credit.

Homes for which ownership changed after the January 1, 2012 certification date can qualify for the credit if the property was used by the previous owner as a primary residence on January 1, 2012.

DOG LICENSES

ALL DOGS WITHIN THE TOWN OF UNION ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED ANNUALLY AND VAC-CINATED FOR RABIES. LAND-LORDS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR

TENANTS. Dogs are required to be vaccinated within 30 days after turning 4 months old, and vaccinations are generally required every two years following the initial vaccination. When applying for a license, the owner must provide proof of vaccination. The vaccination form should show the date of vaccination and expiration date. Owners of dogs that are 5 months old on January I or become 5 months old any time during the year must be licensed.

STRAY DOGS?

Please call Constable Eric Larsen at 882-5323 to report loose or stray dogs. Dogs without licenses are sent to the Rock County Humane Society.

WRITE A SEPARATE **CHECK FOR DOG LICENSES**

DOG LICENSE FEES

Non-spayed/Non-neutered \$10 Spayed or Neutered \$ 5 \$5 Puddy Kennel (12 dogs) \$35 Late fee after April 1, 2013 \$5

Dog licenses are obtained from Sharon Franklin, Treasurer. Please include your current rabies certificate with payment to the Town of Union when applying for a license. The Treasurer will return it to you with your licenses.

APPLICATION ON REVERSE

Town of Union Recycling & Refuse Center

The Town of Union Recycling Center is located at the end of Green Bay Road, just north of Evansville off Hwy. 14. Normal operating hours are 8 am to 3 pm on Saturdays. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the Center will not be open. **The Center may be closed due to inclement weather, such as blizzard, tornado warning, high winds, etc.** Trash disposal costs \$1.75 per 30 gallon bag if paying cash. Punch cards are available at a discounted rate of 12 punches for \$15 (one punch = one 30 gallon bag) and may be purchased at Evansville Gas n' Go, Union Tavern, or the service counter of the Piggly Wiggly. There is no cost for recycling.

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

- Plastics #I thru #7 (soda bottles, milk/juice bottles, cleaning solution bottles, shampoo/ soap bottles)
- Aluminum cans
- Tin & bi-metal cans (soup, veggie, juice, etc)
- Glass bottles & jars (green, brown, white & clear glass)
- Books, cardboard, catalogs, phone books, envelopes, junk mail, magazines, newspapers.

DO NOT BRING....

- Barrels, yard waste, appliances, tires, computers, monitors, televisions
- Paint, paint thinner, oil, antifreeze
- Medical/hazardous waste

WHAT IS TRASH?

- Aerosol cans
- Window glass, mirrors, drinking glasses, light bulbs, dishes
- Plastics which held motor oil (new or used oil)
- Plant trays, hangers, food wrappers
- All other normal trash items (paper towels/ plates, napkins, facial tissue, etc)

The Town of Union reserves the right to deny any items deemed hazardous or not within the guidelines listed.

Contact a waste hauler of your choice to dispose of items not accepted at the Recycling & Refuse Center.

TOWN MEETINGS

Town Board meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of the month; Plan Commission meetings are normally held on the last Thursday of the month. Check meeting notices for meeting location.

Meeting notices and agendas are posted at Landmark Co-op, Worthington Tractor Parts, and the Town's Recycling Center. Notices, agendas, and minutes are also posted on the Town's website,

www.tn.union.wi.gov. Meeting notices are published in the Evansville Review. Please contact the Clerk if you are unable to visit a location listed above or access the Town website, and meeting agendas and minutes can be provided to you.

WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION! Please consider attending a Town Board meeting to get involved in what's going on in your township.

NEED A NEW FIRE NUMBER SIGN? CONTACT CLERK REGINA YLVISAKER AT 608-882-0285 OR townofunion@dishmail.net

CONTROLLED BURNS

The Evansville Fire District's policy states that a \$500 response fee will be charged each time the fire trucks are dispatched. If you live in the Evansville Fire District and are planning a controlled burn, please call the Rock County non-emergency service number at 608-757-2244 and notify them you are conducting a controlled burn.

Doing so will save you the cost of the \$500 response fee in the event that someone reports your fire to the Fire Department. Remember, the response fee is charged whenever the trucks are dispatched, regardless of whether it is a controlled burn or not. If you live in the Brooklyn Fire District and are planning a controlled burn, please call Fire Chief Phil Mortensen at 455-4252 to obtain a burn permit. If you are unsure which Fire District you live in, contact the Town Clerk. A growing number of people report fires as they drive by using their cell phones, without knowing if the fire is controlled or not. The Fire Department must respond to all calls.

ROADSIDE BRUSH

All brush along your property must be cut back 10 feet from the roadside to maintain good driving visibility. Cut brush must be removed from the roadside and ditches to allow roadside mowers to pass.

Building Permits

Building permits are required if:

- You build a new building 80 square feet or larger
- You add onto or remodel an existing building
- You add or install new wiring, plumbing, heating, or cooling equipment
- You build a deck on your home
- You make structural changes to a building (rafters, bearing walls, etc)

Building permits are NOT required if:

- $\bullet\,$ You build a new building less than 80 square feet in size
- You repair existing electrical, plumbing, heating or cooling equipment

If you are unsure whether you need a permit or not, please contact Building Inspector Bob Fahey at 882-6267 prior to beginning the work. If a permit is needed and work has already begun, you will be charged double the permit fee. Please also be sure your contractors are aware of the Town of Union permit requirements and zoning code. A listing of permit fees, as well as the Town of Union Zoning Code is available on the Town's website or by contacting the Building Inspector. All buildings, regardless of size, must comply with the setback requirements outlined in the Town's Zoning Code.

TOWN OF UNION DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

2013

Owner's Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Name of Dog	Color
Year of Birth	Rabies Tag #
Dog Breed	
Vaccination Date	Next Vaccination Due Date
Check one: Male/Non-neutered (\$10) Male/Neutered (\$5) Puppy (\$5) Kennel (\$35) (list all inform rate sheet of paper and inc	Female/Non-spayed (\$10) Female/Spayed (\$5) ation required above for each dog on a sepa-